

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM/PHONE: Barbara McDaniel, CMC, Assistant Town Clerk, 797-1023
SUBJECT: Ordinance
AFFECTED DISTRICT: Townwide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE RATE SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 205.0535(4) OF THE FLORIDA STATE STATUTES BY INCREASING THE RATE OF EACH CLASSIFICATION BY FIVE PERCENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: In order to increase fees, Florida Statutes required that an equity study commission be established and a new rate structure established by October 1, 1995. In 1994, an Occupational License Equity Study Commission was created to review the occupational license fee structure. The Commission met on a number of occasions in 1994 and 1995 and reviewed the fees against the fees of other municipalities and Broward County's. Staff discovered that the Town's fees were among the lowest fees in the County and the Commission made recommendations to increase some of the fees, create new categories, and restructure other categories. Council approved a revision to the occupational license fee structure on September 20, 1995.

Florida Statutes allow local governments thereafter to raise occupational license fees no more than 5% every other year which amounts to a 2.5% increase per annum. Currently the Town's fees continue to be typically lower than fees that are charged by other cities and by not increasing fees, there would be a long term impact on the fee structure. Per preliminary budget discussions, it was concluded that fee enhancements will be important to funding in Fiscal Year 2002-03. By increasing the license fee schedule, it is anticipated that approximately \$29,700 in revenue would be generated each year for the next two years. As Statutes allow this adjustment only every other year, this increase would take effect October 1, 2002 and would not be applied retroactively. Renewals are mailed August 1st and approving this ordinance in June would allow staff adequate time to make the necessary changes to approximately 350 categories.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Council appointed an Occupational License Equity Study Commission in 1994 and during 1994 and 1995, the Commission reviewed all categories and made recommendations concerning the fee structure with such amendments being effective October 1, 1996. On July 1, 1998 and July 5, 2000, Council approved a 5% adjustment to the occupational license fee structure.

CONCURRENCES: not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the ordinance

Attachment(s): Ordinance, Occupational License Fee Schedule

Ordinance No. _____

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 205.0535, the Town of Davie's Occupational License Equity Study Commission reviewed the Town's occupational license rate schedule and made recommendations concerning the rate schedule with such amendments being effective October 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Chapter 205.0535(4) allows a municipality to adjust the occupational license rate schedule by five percent every other year; and

WHEREAS, Council approved an increase on July 1, 1998 by Ordinance 98-31 and on July 5, 2000 by Ordinance 2000-26;

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend its occupational license rate schedule pursuant to Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That each classification in the occupational license rate schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A", is hereby increased by five percent as reflected thereon.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect for the tax period starting October 1, 2002.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

Mayor/Councilmember

Attest:

Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002